

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 1-14. In the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, the Examiner indicated that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 4 and Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice. In light of the foregoing amendment, Applicant believes Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Applicant further believes Claims 2, 3, and 5-14, all of which ultimately depend from Claim 1, are in condition for allowance as well.

In summary, Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 4 has been canceled. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
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